

# Hoover Church of Christ

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

February 21, 2021

## All about him

It really is all about Jesus, every bit of it. I sometimes teach a class on the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Old Testament—and my top goal in the class is to help my students see that every page we read is about the Christ we confess. It's not "What We Learn From the Flood," or "Abraham, the Leader of his Family," or "Moses: Leadership 101."

It's about Jesus. All of it.

Sometimes in our Bible reading we hurry through the Old Testament so we can get to Jesus in Matthew, but that's a big mistake. We won't even be able to see Jesus in the gospels if we don't see him in Genesis, not really.

Here's one thing Jesus said about the first 39 books of your Bible:

*Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17-20).*

We often claim to be New Testament Christians—and I understand why—but I think it'd be better to call ourselves Bible Christians. Jesus didn't come to set the Old Testament aside so that we could focus our attention on what's really important—the New Testament.

He came to fulfill it, to show us its ultimate meaning, to help us see him there.

After the resurrection Jesus had an extended conversation with a couple of disciples who were discouraged because they thought he was still dead. Luke gives us a hint about what Jesus taught them: "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

I'd love to have heard that little sermon, but apparently it began in Genesis 1 and finished in Malachi 4. The subject of the sermon?

Jesus himself.

It might be that you haven't spent much time in the first part of your Bible. Maybe you're mostly reading the New Testament—it's good when you're reading any part of the Bible, of course.

But I'd urge you to look again at the earlier books. Try to look past the genealogies and laws and regulations and see if you can find Jesus. You might want to get some kind of reading guide that'll help.

But I guarantee you it'll strengthen your faith. In fact, of all the reasons I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the strongest one is that I just don't see any way that any group of people could've written everything in the Old Testament that's so beautifully and completely fulfilled in one Person, Jesus Christ.

—Chuck

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

#### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

#### ELDERS

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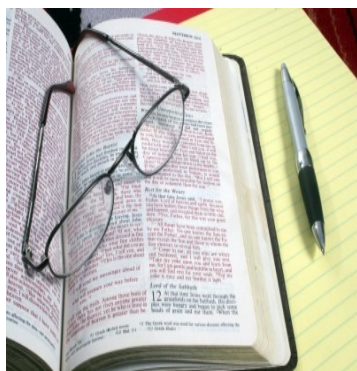
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## Worship Assignments Sunday

- **Elder to Contact in February for Needs:** Paul Williams, Jr.
- **Call to Worship:** Chuck Webster
- **Scripture Reading:** Paul Kirby
- **Singing:** Kyle Wadley
- **Opening Prayer:** Merv Prince
- **Sermon:** Chuck Webster
- **Communion:** Jerry Culbertson
- **Announcements:** Jimmy Lyles
- **Closing Prayer:** Torrey Clark
- **Audio/Cameras:** Will Spurlin
- **Alternate:** Clint Richey
- **Video:** Chad Blackmon
- **Security:** Daniel Warren
- **Alternate:** Norman Rutland

## Bible Reading for February 21-27

- **Sunday, February 21:** Leviticus 9-11; Proverbs 15:1-17
- **Monday, February 22:** Leviticus 12-14; Proverbs 15:18-33
- **Tuesday, February 23:** Leviticus 15-18; Proverbs 16:1-16
- **Wednesday, February 24:** Leviticus 19-21; Proverbs 16:17-33
- **Thursday, February 25:** *Reflection*
- **Friday, February 26:** Leviticus 22-24; Proverbs 17:1-14
- **Saturday, February 27:** Leviticus 25-27; Proverbs 17:15-28



## Today

**Bible classes for adults** meet in the following rooms: **Library, Team 1:** Jason McKeown, Torrey Clark, Ben Vick, Donnie Winningham; **Downstairs, Team 2:** Steve Cotney, Bill Rayburn, Eddie Sankey, Harold Rhodes; **Auditorium, Team 3:** Merv Prince, Wade Warren, Chuck Webster, Jeff Melton.

**KidSing** with Kyle Wadley is today at **4:30pm** on the Hoover YouTube channel.

**Sunday evening devo at 5:00:** There will be an online devotional guide on our website for everyone to enjoy, either at home or with other members.

## Family News & Events

**The baby shower for Alexandra and Torrey Clark on Sunday, February 28, has been canceled** due to Alexandra needing to rest at home. Please remember Alexandra and Torrey in your prayers. We are still collecting baby presents, and you may give your gifts to Kyle or Wendy Wadley or Lajuana Logan.

**The Food Pantry** will reopen on Sunday, February 28, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food item that is needed this month is **Apple Juice**.

There will be a **Baby Girl Shower for Brooke and Marcus Harris** in the front lobby on Sunday, March 7, from 2:30-4:00pm. They are registered at the following link: <https://www.babylist.com/brookeharris>. If you have any questions or would like to help with this shower, please contact Wendi Vick.

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.  
—2 Thessalonians 3:16

## Youth

**Wednesday, February 24 (6th-12th grades):** Bring your own dinner to Bible Class.

## Happy Anniversary

Corey & Leah Covington, Sr.

February 21

Alan & Jamie Starns

February 22

## Happy Birthday

Dick Smith

February 22

Clint Richey

February 23

Andrew Searcy

February 24

Karisa Schlundt

February 25

Camden Bowers

February 25

Doyal Newsom

February 27

John Bowers

February 27

## Psalms 65:11

“You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food.”

**The Good News:** You can expect God’s abundance to meet your every need, no matter what trials you may face.

—Jackie Frere, *Woman’s Day*

“Don’t be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom.”

—Luke 12:32

## Iron Rose Sister Ministries

**The Iron Rose Sister Ministries are requesting prayers during the entire month of February.** To learn more about this ministry, visit [ironrosesister.com](http://ironrosesister.com). A calendar with daily prayer prompts can be viewed at <https://ironrosesister.com/be-a-part/pray>. There are also hard copies of the calendar on the back rail in the auditorium.

## The Reward of Wickedness

So many times I have stated, and heard other preachers state, that the Christian life is not always the easiest. There is a valid reason for this practice . . . Jesus told us that we must each choose between the wide, easy way (life of sin) that leads to destruction, and the narrow, difficult way (path of righteousness) that leads to life. Truly there will be “few who find” that difficult path that leads to everlasting life. There are things, such as self-sacrifice, that make the Christian’s life somewhat difficult, but today let’s focus on the difficulties of a sinful life.

A “proof text” for this idea could be Proverbs 13:15, which states: “Good understanding giveth favor; but the way of the transgressor is hard.” In one of my classes at the local jail in Greenville, the inmates and I spent several minutes listing any sins we could think of. After each newly mentioned sin, we stopped and listed all the ways that each sin could make our lives harder. For every single one, we were able to come up with multiple negative consequences.

Another proverb reads, “Disaster pursues sinners, but the righteous are rewarded with good” (Proverbs 13:21). It is disastrous when adultery enters the sanctity of marriage. It is disastrous when men and women begin even casual use of drugs. It is disastrous when people lie to those around them. We can follow these and all other sins to their logical ends, and we will find disaster most every time. “But the righteous are rewarded with good.”

If disaster is pursuing you because of your “treacherous” (ESV) ways, there is a Biblical “escape plan” in place for you. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you” (James 4:7-8). When you resist the temptations of sin and turn to God, the devil turns and runs, while God draws nearer to you. The path that leads to life is narrow and difficult, but the one who travels that path diligently will reach a glorious, eternal reward (John 14:1-4).

—Darrell Powell

## Carelines

**Cecil Haywood**, Jeff Melton’s brother-in-law, is in UAB in the heart transplant unit. He is on the waiting list for a transplant.

**Mollye Melton** has not been feeling well—please pray for her health.

**Nancy Harris** is still in Shelby Hospital due to kidney failure; her room number has been changed to 283.

**Patsy McDaniel**, Holly Church’s mom, is in the Rehab Unit at Brookwood Medical Center. She will be receiving radiation and chemo treatments soon. If you would like to send cards to Patsy, please mail them to the care of Holly Church, 1027 Grand Oaks Drive, Bessemer, AL 35022.

**Ricky Hamm**, Steve Cotney’s nephew, is still at UAB. He had a successful procedure last week for some bleeding; however, he continues to battle COVID-19.

**Jane Brown**, Suzanne Clelland’s co-worker’s mom, is in the hospital with an intestinal blockage.

**Mary Goodson**, Alan Starns’ (Jamie Starns’ husband) mother, was released from the hospital last week and is doing much better. She will be under home healthcare for a while.

**Jessica Brown**, the sister of Kaiden Kennedy, has stage 4 cancer. Kaiden is a student at UAB who has been attending Hoover.

**Shirley Rayburn**, Bill Rayburn’s sister-in-law, is undergoing chemo treatments.

**Carol Messick**, Jeanne Anderson’s sister, is resting at home and taking medicine for a blood clot in her lung. She is also suffering with COVID.

**Aaron Bell**, the youngest son of Mickey and Linda Bell (former minister and members of Hoover), had a biopsy for a tumor that will be removed soon.

**Remember our shut-ins:** Joyce Baker, Lynne Nichols, and Nancy Williams.

**Remember our church family:** Hosea Dallas, Dick Smith, Joe Thomas, Celeste Till, Sarah Washington, Gail Powell, and Sylvia Huffman.

**Remember our families and friends:** Barbara Thompson (the mother of Jim and Christy Reece’s neighbor), Mary Still (Doris Sankey’s mom), Barbara Milam (Donna Handley’s mother), Christa Smith (Sondra Moss’ mother), Lynne Perkins (Lajuana Logan’s friend’s mother), and Braxton Wiedman (Anita Williams’ neighbor).

## Attendance and Offering February 14, 2021

**Attendance:**

**Bible Study:** 131

**Worship, 10:00am:** 163

**Wednesday, 7:00pm:** 123

**Contribution:** \$12,937.47

**Weekly Budget:** \$13,800.00

**Weekly Average:** \$15,828.35

**Contribution to Date:** \$110,798.47

## Hoover Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL*
- *Rainbow Omega, Eastaboga, AL*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief*
- *George Funk, Gospel Chariot Missions, South Africa*
- *Cy Walker, Guyana*
- *Clothing Closet*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*

## Mission Trips

- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*
- *Peru*

## Oversight

- *Christ Happy Childhaven, Philippines*
- *Tanzania Missions*

**Time To Get Serious**  
**(1 Peter 1:13-21)**

Set your hope fully on your \_\_\_\_\_

Be \_\_\_\_\_

Conduct yourselves with \_\_\_\_\_



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